

the system would pay for itself. Lancaster County was the primary sponsor of this bill in the past. And I was on the Government Committee and I questioned the sheriff, and he acknowledged, under very close questioning, that this money would go in...and my questioning led to this, would go into the General Fund and make the county board more amenable to increases in his budget. So, the sheriffs are doing this to raise money. Senator Nelson is right. It doesn't go directly into the sheriffs budget. But there is kind of a tacit understanding that the sheriff should try to raise some of the money that will come back to him. Lancaster County talked about computers, typewriters and all kind of technologically advanced equipment that they utilize in this activity. So, I asked them, if other counties don't have the expenses associated with this paper serving that you have, why are you bringing a bill that will raise the amounts in every county the same amount that you are raising it in Lancaster if they don't have this equipment to pay for. Well, he couldn't account for that, except that there would probably be more support if they would let all of the counties do it. I think this is an inequitable bill. I think it is a bad public policy. I don't think it can be shown that every county has the same types of costs associated with this activity. To make a blanket bill raising costs tenfold, treating every one of the 93 counties as though they all have the same costs I think is preposterous. It is not a good bill and, in the same way that Senator Nelson can understand those who are going to pay the cost of it opposing it, I can understand the counties going for it. It is like a windfall for them, and I don't think it should occur. However, I think Senator Pirsch's amendment is very reasonable. It is still going to provide a windfall for the counties, and maybe what ought to be considered is whether or not the sheriffs' office ought to even be involved in this. But if the Legislature makes it lucrative enough, they would fight you tooth and nail to hang onto it, just like sheriffs fought tooth and nail to keep that bounty bill. Whenever you provide an incentive, in the form of cash, to do something those raking in the cash are going to try to find a way to get more of it. I hope that you will support Senator Pirsch's amendment, then I hope the bill itself will not be supported in the form that it is in right now.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, did you wish to speak about the Pirsch amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate whenever we change a fee that has not